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SUBJ: SOMALI ATTITUDE TOWARDS NIGERIA

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1. FOLLOWING IS OUR PERCEPTION OF SOMALI GOVERNMENT ATTITUDES
TOWARDS NIGERIA.

2. PRESENT NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT: NIGERIA IS ONE OF ONLY TWO
BLACK AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS THAT MAINTAIN EMBASSY IN MOGADISCIO
(THE OTHER IS KENYA). RELATIONS BETWEEN PREVIOUS NIGERIAN
AMBASSADOR AND SOMALI GOVERNMENT WERE EXCELLENT. AMBASSADOR
KOLO HAD ACCESS TO INNER COUNCILS OF GSDR BUT LITTLE OR NO
INFLUENCE. WE WOULD CHARACTERIZE RELATIONS AS GOOD BUT NOT
PARTICULARLY CLOSE.

3. NIGERIA'S ROLE IN AFRICA: WE BELIEVE SOMALI GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGE IN ABSTRACT NIGERIAN IMPORTANCE.
NIGERIA HAS MONEY, SIZE AND SOME INFLUENCE. BUT WE DO NOT
BELIEVE THAT SOMALI GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT NIGERIA REPRESENTS
A SPECIAL OR UNIQUE FORCE IN AFRICAN COUNCILS OR THAT
NIGERIA ITSELF TAAHGZASUME TO ACT AS SPOKESMAN FOR
AFRICA.

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4. NIGERIAN DIPLOMATS ASSIGNED MOGADISCIO, INCLUDING
AMBASSADOR KOLO, WERE OFTEN DISTURBED BECAUSE SOMALIS
DID NOT SEEM TO RECOGNIZE IMPORTANCE OF NIGERIA IN
AFRICA. AS MATTER OF FACT, NIGERIAN DIPLOMATS APPEAR
TO US TO OVERSTATE NIGERIAN IMPORTANCE, AS SOME OF OUR
AMERICAN COLLEAGUES DO.

5. NIGERIA AS A SPOKESMAN FOR AFRICA: LIKE MOST
AFRICAN COUNTRIES, SOMALIA MIGHT LET NIGERIA SPEAK FOR
IT ON ISSUE WHERE SOMALI INTEREST NEGLIGIBLE OR WHERE
THEIR INTERESTS COINCIDE. SOMALIS WOULD PAY NO HEED
TO NIGERIAN INFLUENCE WHERE THEIR INTERESTS CONFLICT
(I.E., TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF OAU STATES).
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